

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE;  
MISSISSIPPI REPUBLICAN PARTY;  
JAMES PERRY; AND MATTHEW LAMB**

**PLAINTIFFS**

**VERSUS**

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:24-cv-25-LG-RPM**

**JUSTIN WETZEL, in his official capacity as  
the clerk and registrar of the Circuit Court of  
Harrison County; TONI JO DIAZ, BECKY  
PAYNE, BARBARA KIMBALL, CHRISTENE  
BRICE, and CAROLYN HANDLER, in their  
official capacities as members of the Harrison  
County Election Commission; and MICHAEL  
WATSON, in his official capacity as the  
Secretary of State of Mississippi**

**DEFENDANTS**

**JOINDER IN UNOPPOSED MOTION TO EXEMPT DEFENDANTS FROM FILING  
ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT TO ACCOMMODATE PARTIES'  
ANTICIPATED FILING OF EARLY CROSS-MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT  
(DKT#5).**

COME NOW the Defendants, JUSTIN WETZEL, in his official capacity as the clerk and registrar of the Circuit Court of Harrison County and TONI JO DIAZ, BECKY PAYNE, BARBARA KIMBALL, CHRISTENE BRICE, and CAROLYN HANDLER, in their official capacities as members of the Harrison County Election Commission and pursuant to Rule 10(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure adopts by reference and joins in the Unopposed Motion To Exempt Defendant From Filing Answer To Plaintiff's Complaint To Accommodate Parties' Anticipated Filing Of Early Cross-Motions For Summary Judgment (DKT#5) and likewise moves for the same relief requested therein.

SO MOVED, this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2024.

JUSTIN WETZEL, in his official capacity as the clerk and registrar of the Circuit Court of Harrison County,  
DEFENDANT

TONI JO DIAZ, BECKY PAYNE, BARBARA KIMBALL, CHRISTENE BRICE, and CAROLYN HANDLER, in their official capacities as members of the Harrison County Election Commission, DEFENDANTS

BY AND THROUGH THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD  
BOYCE HOLLEMAN AND ASSOCIATES

By: /s/ Tim C. Holleman  
Tim C. Holleman

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Tim C. Holleman, Boyce Holleman & Associates, do hereby certify that I have this date filed a copy of the above document with the Court's electronic filing system, which sent a notice to all counsel of record.

This the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2024.

By: /s/ Tim C. Holleman  
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